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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Army Europe Food Operations Specialists Fired Up After Showing in Army Culinary Competition!**

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Heidelberg, GE – The eight -member IMA-E Regional Culinary Arts Team garnered a team total of 47 individual and team medals from American Culinary Federation Chefs/Judges in the Army-wide Culinary Competition, held at Fort Lee, Virginia, Mar. 5-18.

Based on their outstanding efforts in the competition, four food operations specialists from the IMA-Europe and USAREUR Regional Team are now slated to be part of the 12-member U.S.Army Culinary Arts Team. This team will represent the US Army in the International World Culinary Competition that will be conducted later this year in Luxemburg.

Chosen by the American Culinary Federation, team members are Sergeant First Class (P) Benedict Tesoro, Specialist Anica Long, PFC Leia Heeter and PFC Garrett Andrews. In the world of culinary arts, selection to this team is the highest honor that can be achieved.

Individuals and Army teams were recognized in an awards ceremony March 18, at Fort Lee. Team Captains Chief Warrant Officer 3 Robert Sparks, Food Advisor 21<sup>st</sup> TSC, Master Sergeant Donald Cleveland, 21<sup>st</sup> TSC and SFC Tesoro representing the 26th ASG provided superior leadership and team management throughout the event.